

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

8:50 a.m.

March 12, 2017

*Welcome members, friends and visitors to our service this morning. We would ask you all to complete the friendship pad located in your pew. Thank you for your help. Welcome Packets for our visitors and guests are available at the Visitor Center.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"*

### CALL TO WORSHIP ~ from the Church of Scotland's **Starters for Sunday**

Leader: In the name of God,

**People: who created us, who holds us and the whole world in his hands**

Leader: In the name of the Son

**People: who came into the world, who reconciles us with God.**

Leader: In the name of the Holy Spirit

**People: who fills us with eternal life, who links us with all Christians and incites us to peace,**

***All: we come together to offer our thanks and praise.***

### \* HYMN 285

*"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"*

### \* OPENING PRAYER ~ Adapted from Peter Faber SJ

**We beg of you, our Lord, to remove anything which separates us from you, and you from us. Remove anything that makes us unworthy of your sight, your control, of your benevolence and love. Cast from us every evil that stands in the way of our seeing you, hearing, tasting, savoring, and touching you; fearing and being mindful of you; knowing, trusting, loving,**

**you; and, as far as may be, enjoying you. This is what we ask and earnestly desire from you. Amen.**

### \* GLORIA PATRI 579

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Jan Bolluyt

### HYMN 316

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121

(Page 500 in the Pew Bibles)

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Philippians 4:1-9

(Page 948 in the Pew Bibles)

### SERMON

Clint Loveall

**Failings of the Faithful: Euodia and Syntyche**

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~French Reformed Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty, our creator,  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our redeemer.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, our comforter.**

**I believe in the Eternal God, in his holiness which condemns me, in his love which redeems me, in his presence which renews me. Amen.**

### OFFERING

Offertory

Bell

*"In Reverence"*

\* Doxology 592

\* Prayer of Dedication

### \* HYMN 391 (vs 1-4)

*"Take My Life"*

### \* BENEDICTION ~Back cover of hymnal

*"Go Now In Peace"*

POSTLUDE

Rand

*"The Victory of Faith"*

\* **Those who are able** are invited to stand.

***Nursery Available for Pre-K and under***

- **Large print "BULLETINS AND HYMNALS" are available from an Usher-**
- ***Busy Bags available in the Narthex***
- ***Coffee is served immediately following the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall.***

**Participating in this morning's Reformed service are:** Clint Loveall and Michael Gewecke, Pastors; Pam DenHerder, Liturgist; Eulyn Riemersma, Organist; Ushers are Ryan & Erin Davelaar, Ron Niebruegge & Gene Ringsdorf; Greeters are Joy Albert & Mavis Palmer; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Milt Nolting, Video; Kiley Anderson & Erin Radcliffe are in charge of the Nursery; Roger & Karen Lahm prepared our coffee.

**Congratulations** to Joe & Sarah Kennedy on the birth of their son, Judd Ryan Kennedy. Judd was born on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> weighing 8 lbs 9 oz.

**Our sympathies** are extended to the family and friends of Donna Gray on the passing of her Mom, Lois.



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### Adult Education

Sundays – 10:30am

*Autobiographies of Grace* – Alan Bush

*Lead for God's Sake* – Josh Bolluyt

### Autobiographies of Grace: Freedom Quilts on March 12th

Betty and Dennis Wilson, farmers from Fonda, Iowa operate a nonprofit, all volunteer organization called FREEDOM QUILTS. Since its inception shortly after “911” they have made and presented over 8,000 personalized handmade quilts to family members of 911 victims, fallen soldiers & law enforcement personnel. All funding is provided entirely by Betty and Dennis’s generosity, along with any other donations received (always welcome), allowing them to help even more hero families.

Betty will be joining FPC on Sunday, March 12 during our Sunday School hour, in the Fireside Room, to share the Freedom Quilt story. This is an amazing story on its own. Betty’s personal faith story is incredible, as well. Please join us!

### Thank You

Steve & Jan Richards would like to thank everyone for participating in the collection of bandaids for their trip to Tanzania. The total number of bandaids they collected was 1,720. Thank you again.

### Sunday School “Snack Providers and Servers”

A sign-up sheet and **PEANUT/NUT-FREE SNACK LIST** is placed in the library window or you may sign up online. **Please take a snack list and sign up for your favorite date!!** 5 dozen snacks and 2 large juice (not red please) are needed for Sunday School. *If you leave the worship service during the last hymn, you have time to prepare your snacks for serving.* This week the Sunday School snacks were provided by the Donnenwerth family, next week is ?.

### Our Daily Bread

The March, April, May “Our Daily Bread” devotionals are here. **Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex.**



Wed, March 15th

**Meal:** Husbands Delight

**Meal Crew:** Wayne Johnson

**Meal Crew Helpers Needed!**

Please contact the church office or sign up in the narthex if you can help serve meals anytime in the next four weeks so that we can be sure to count on your help. Thank you in advance!

**Craft item needed:** empty wrapping paper tubes!

### Lent Preaching Series: Failings of the Faithful

▫ March 12—Euodia and Synthyche

▫ March 19—Jonah

▫ March 26—David

▫ April 2—Ananias and Saphira

▫ April 9—Peter

▫ April 13—Judas

▫ April 14—Elijah

▫ April 16—Jesus

The Sunday Sermons will be followed each Wednesday Night at Recharge with a class taught by Pastor Clint.

### PW Projects Day

Attention all Women!! Please plan to attend Presbyterian Women Projects Day on Thursday, March 16th from 9:30-noon in the Fellowship Hall. Morning coffee & treats will be provided. This is a fun morning to work on various projects with some great fellowship. If you haven't attended before, we would love to have you join us.

### Receive the Weekly Sermon in Your Email

We are excited to announce that you can now subscribe to receive our newest sermons conveniently in your inbox. If you would like to receive the weekly sermon, you can subscribe on our homepage at [fpcspiritlake.org](http://fpcspiritlake.org).

### Lenten Bible Study

This year on the Sundays in Lent we will be looking at some of the most significant barriers to faithful discipleship we encounter as American Christians, and looking for guidance in the Parables of Jesus. Each week will highlight a particular struggle and one of Jesus' stories that addresses it. We hope you can join us for great meals, warm fellowship, and thoughtful discussions each Sunday afternoon starting March 5<sup>th</sup>.

- March 12 – Materialism and More – Why do we “need” so much stuff and the Parable of the Rich Fool
- March 19 – Callous Complacency – Why are we immune to suffering and Jesus's Parable of the Good Samaritan
- March 26 – Fear and Faith – Facing our fears and refusing to live a small life – The parable of the Talents
- April 2 – Blessedly Broken – why is it so hard to admit we need help? – The Parable of the Foolish Builder
- April 9 – The Savior and the Self – Avoiding Narcissism in a self-obsessed world – The Pharisee and The Tax Collector

**Dinner ~ 4:30pm**

**Bible Study ~ 5:15-6:00pm**

**A sign up sheet for 3 soups, bread, veggies, and 2 desserts is posted in the narthex.**

**Cherish House Baby Bottle Campaign**

Baby Bottles are due back to the church.

**Sunday Morning Coffee Schedule**

We are in the process of making up a new "Coffee Schedule" for the coming year. If you would be interested in helping to make & serve coffee or baking goodies, please contact the office at [office@fpcspirittlake.org](mailto:office@fpcspirittlake.org) or 336-1649. Please let us know by Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Bowling Family Fun Night**

The Congregational Life Committee has planned a fun night of bowling & pizza on Friday, March 31st. Anyone wanting to eat is welcome to join us at Godfather's first. After pizza, we'll head over to Corner Lanes for bowling! Whether you bowl a turkey or need the bumpers, we'd love to have you all there!

**Date: Friday, March 31st**

**Who: Everyone!!**

**Supper: Godfather's @ 5:30 PM**

**Bowling: Corner Lanes @ 6:30 PM,**

**cost is \$4 and includes your shoe rental**

RSVP not necessary but appreciated if you want to let either Judy Jensen ([judesjensen@yahoo.com](mailto:judesjensen@yahoo.com)) or Megan Donnenwerth ([megandwerth@gmail.com](mailto:megandwerth@gmail.com)) know if you plan to attend.

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**Rides to and from church for this week is** Doug Stueven ~ 330-7302 , next week is Jay Anderson ~ 339-5878.

**Hospital Deacon:** Doug Stueven

**Week of March 19th**

**Reformed (1<sup>st</sup>) Service**

**Liturgist:** Carol Armstrong

**Ushers:** Ryan & Erin Davelaar, Ron Niebruegge & Gene Ringsdorf

**Greeters:** Joy Albert & Mavis Palmer

**Video:** Wes Farmer

**Nursery:** Hannah Brumley &

**Coffee:** Edna VanderWolde & Jan Bowles

**Reforming (2<sup>nd</sup>) Service**

**Nursery:** Lindsay VanderWolde

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**GRATITUDE & SEND OFF FOR  
PASTOR JOHN & LYN MESSER**

**GOOD NEWS  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**CAKE & PUNCH RECEPTION  
SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH  
12:15PM**

Join us in honoring Pastor John & Lyn Messer and send them off with love and thanks to their new call in Michigan.

**Upcoming Events**

Sunday, March 12

*Girl Scout Sunday*

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed Service

10am-Coffee and fellowship

10:15am-Sunday School

10:15am-Confirmation

10:30am-Adult Ed

11:15am-Reforming Service

12:30pm-Act II

4:30pm-Lenten Bible Study

Monday, March 13

9am-PW Sewing

6:30pm-Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

9am-Weekly Prayer

1:30pm-Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 15

5:30pm-Recharge

HS Youth Group

5:15pm-Dinner

5:45pm-Bus leaves for No Apologies

7pm-Adult Handbell practice

7:15pm-2<sup>nd</sup> Service Rehearsal

8pm-Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, March 16

9am-Men's Bible Study  
9:30am-PW Projects Day

Sunday, March 19

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel  
8:50am-Reformed Service  
10am-Coffee and fellowship  
10:15am-Sunday School  
10:15am-Confirmation  
10:30am-Adult Ed  
11:15am-Reforming Service  
12:30pm-Act II  
2pm-Worship Service at Hawkeye  
4:30pm-Lenten Bible Study



### 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade No Apologies

The annual No Apologies event will be held on March 15th at 6:30pm. The No Apologies conference brings thousands of students from across northwest Iowa to hear a national speaker talk about wise choices, sexual purity, and Christian faith. This year's speaker, Harris iii, will perform some of his world acclaimed illusions while also encouraging students to follow God's plan for their lives. All 7th-12th grade students are invited to meet at church at 5:15pm for a free dinner and then to leave for the event no later than 5:45pm and return by 9:00pm. There is no cost to attend No Apologies. Read more at [no-apologies.org](http://no-apologies.org).

**Each week we remember  
First Pres families in prayer,  
this week please pray for**

*Kirk & Judy Jensen*  
107 19<sup>th</sup> St., Spirit Lake  
*Dan & Lori Vicker*  
16290 255<sup>th</sup> Ave., Spirit Lake

**Please pray for our members and friends** of this church family who are facing various health concerns: Maddie DeWitt, Chris Koehler, Jody Ferguson, Judy Arens, Mary Smith, Jose Reedy, Jamie Nebelsick, Barb Hanisch, Jay Anderson, Barb Rohlf, Pat Dalton, Donna VanHolland, Connie Hoppe, Tom Gruber, Lori Johnson, Mitchell Elmquist, Talia Patton, Pat Kelly, Aliyah Brittain, Tammy (Bartels) Martin, Judy Stueven, Bennett Stecker, Kenny Beck, Eric Avery, Mike Wiley, Marj Roseberry, Lee Struthers, Gene Wells, Amy Tanner, Katy Kline, Cheri Gibler, Karl Kiilsholm, Lawrence Lupkes, Mandi Rodger, Finley Brunsvold, Craig Cobb, Paul Kameron, Darla Ubben, Sheila Middleton, Kris Peterson, Paul Ostendorf, Angela Akers, Kathy Huitink, , Denice (Wiersma), Walt Main, Hilary Vicker, Bart Duncan, Mountain Valley Regional Rehabilitation Hospital, 3700 N Windsong Dr, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314, Linda Breuker

**Please pray for our members and friends** who serve in the Armed Forces: Staff SGT **Jamie Lewis**, 1<sup>st</sup> LT **Whitney Lewis**, 7017 Arnold Ave., Unit A, JBER, AK 99506; SSG **Frederick, Jesse**, 975 Culverson Ct., Clarksville, TN 37040; **Billy Joe Travis**, 8583 Aero Drive, Apt 2043, San Diego, CA 92123; PFC; **Colton Petersen**, 2d LT **James Fliss**, 821 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Unit 8100, Sheppard AFB, TX 76311, **CPL Kenten Murray**, MSG Detachment, Unit 6010, Box 10, DPO AB 09825-6010

### Missionaries

*Dennis and Lisa Brockman*  
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Dennis is the Marketing and Communication Director with Campus Crusade. His responsibilities are: build and lead a marketing and communications (MarCom) team that supports Global Advancement in its mission to build capacity globally and to affirm and inspire ministry partners. He also gives strategic, creative, and innovative direction to global messaging and the marketing of the global brand promise. Dennis and Lisa have 5 children. Dennis is the son of Jeanette Brockman. First Presbyterian Church has supported Dennis and Lisa since 1998.

**Gideons International**

Gideons International is an association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through sharing personally and by providing Bibles and New Testaments to anyone. While they are known worldwide for their work with hotels, they predominantly share scriptures in schools, prisons, jails, hospitals and medical offices. As of 2015, they have now distributed over 2 billion scriptures. These scriptures are printed in over 90 different languages and have been distributed in over 190 countries around the world. Several of our church members join others in this work of the local Gideons' Camp.